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Ms. Lou Sizemore
Congressional Correspondence Staff
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Sizemor:

I am taking the liberty of contacting you with respect to the enclosed constituent inquiries.

The attached correspondence details the nature of my constituents concerns, and I would sincerely appreciate your providing me with information which would be of assistance in my response.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter, and with kind regards and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Trent Lott

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The Honorable Trent Lott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Lott:

I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am an active competitor in local events. I am also active in our local club as vice-president.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

The models I build weigh as much as 18 pounds and operate at 75 m.p.h. Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We

need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. I own 3 pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bobby D. Norris".

Bobby D. Norris

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The Honorable Trent Lott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Lott:

As a student, I learn valuable lessons from building and operating model aircrafts. I am an active competitor in local, national, and international events. I am also active in our local club.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

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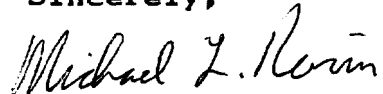
The models I build weigh as much as 24 pounds and operate at 115 m.p.h. Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We

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Michael L. Norris

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable Trent Lott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 29510

Dear Senator Lott:

I am an avid builder and flyer of radio controlled model aircraft. We have an active group of modelers in this area and derive many hours of pleasure from this hobby. Some of these models are over 100 inches in wingspan and weigh as much as forty pounds. We fly in a safe manner and are concerned for the safety of spectators and property owners. We have several thousand dollars invested in our planes and equipment and need the frequencies currently allocated by the F.C.C. for controlling our aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

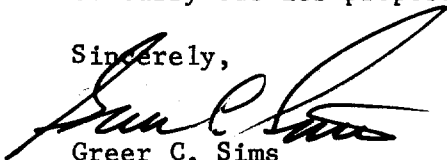
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Greer C. Sims